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I owe you many thanks dear Sir, for the letters you have been so good as to forward me, and which I yesterday received. My father writes to me from New York, the 2d of October, and says that he shall sail the next day for Carolina: the preparing for his voyage engaged and hurried him exceedingly, which has hindered him from the pleasure of writing to your Excellency; he says he shall by the next Opportunity — & begs in the interim you will accept his best Compliments?

My letters inform me that I shall receive Remittances by the very first Vessel which sails after the arrival of my father: I am sorry they were not made sooner, as that I have wanted money in this Country — a Gentleman here has advanced me as much as I have had occasion for) but because it has put it out of my power to remit to you the Money, which you were so very friendly as to lend me at the time of my leaving Paris — I hope I shall be able to do it in a very few days, for a Vessel is expected from Charleston Country. I shall continue in London about six weeks longer — if in that time your Excellency should have any Commands, which I can execute, I shall be very happy to receive your Orders, and will regard an Opportunity of rendering you any service as the event of my life of which I shall be most proud. Be pleased Sir to make my Compliments to Mr Short? & be assured that I shall

shall always recollect, with pleasure and
Gratitude, how much I stand indebted to your
friendly Attentions whilst I was at Paris.
I have the honor to be with great Regard
Dr Sir
Your sincere friend very hble Servant

[redacted] Rutledge Junior

His Excellency
Thos Jefferson